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KIDSNET facilitates the collection and appropriate sharing of health data with healthcare providers, parents, MCH programs, and other child service providers for the provision of timely and appropriate preventive health services and follow up.

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KIDSNET welcomes new users: KIDSNET welcomes Carla Cesario, MD, Thomas Puleo, MD and Dr Bernard Marzilli.

Immunization and Vaccine Updates

On December 7, 2007, the Advisory Food and Drug Administration issued recommendations for quadrivalent meningococcal conjugate vaccine (MCV4) (Menactra), for use in children aged 2--10 years, who are at increased risk for meningococcal disease. These children include travelers to or residents of countries in which meningococcal disease is hyperendemic or epidemic, children who have terminal complement component deficiencies, and children who have anatomic or functional asplenia.

http://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/preview/mmwrhtml/mm5648a4.htm?s_cid=mm5648a4_e

Hib Vaccine Supply Update

Please read the attached Advisory regarding HIB vaccine.

Rhode Island Birth Defects Program

KIDSNET and the RI Birth Defects Program would like to conduct a focus group with primary care providers who see infants and children to learn about ways to make reporting and obtaining medical & referral information for children with birth defects easier. If you are interested in participating or would like more information, please contact Frank Donahue, Rhode Island chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics (e-mail: frandon62@aol.com or telephone: 228-6441) or Sam Viner-Brown, RI Birth Defects Program (e-mail: samara.viner-brown@health.ri.gov or telephone: 222-5935).

Immunization Report

In December 2007, the following 7 practices sent immunization history updates for KIDSNET after running the immunization report:

Westerly Pediatrics, Dr. Dante Ramos, Fatima Health Center, Northwest Health Center, Cranston-Family Health Services, Dr. Charles DeAngelis, Dr. Duane Golomb.

Lead Screening Report

Please continue to use KIDSNET to generate reports of children in your practice who have never been screened for lead poisoning. In December 2007, the following 25 pediatric practices used this report: **Associates in Primary Care, Bayside Family Healthcare, Dr Charles DeAngelis, Dr. Cheryl Flynn, Dr. Dante Ramos, East Greenwich Family Practice, Family Treatment Center, Dr. Douglas Foreman, Family Doctors of East Providence, Cranston-Family Health Services, Drs. Concannon & Vitale, MHRI Primary Care Pediatric, Mineral Spring Family Practice, Northwest Health Center, Dr. Thomas Puleo, Capitol Hill Health Center, Dr. Jennifer Souther, Thundermist Health Centers of South County, West Warwick, and Woonsocket, Spectrum Health Care, Dr. Steven Maguire, University Family Medicine, Westerly Pediatrics and East Bay Family Healthcare.**

If you need a training review to use this report, contact your KIDSNET representative or call the KIDSNET Help Desk at 1.800.942.7434. Thank you for your help in ensuring all children are appropriately screened for lead!

Keep up the good work! Please keep using the reports as a tool to follow up on your patients need.